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VIETNAMESE FOREIGN RELATIONS

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1. FONOFF SEA DEPT CHIEF BERENDONCK INFORMS US THAT, BESIDES DISCUSSION OF FAR EAST ISSUES (SEPTTEL), EC-NINE ASIA SUB-GROUP ALSO HAD BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CHANGING ATTITUDE OF NORTH VIETNAM REGARDING RELATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, BERENDONCK NOTED STICKY ATTITUDE OF HANOI TOWARD ACCREDITATION OF SOME EC-NINE AMBASSADORS AND LINK TO RECOGNITION OF PRG. (ROME 3693)

2. BERENDONCK VOICED IMPRESSION THAT DRV PRESENTLY IS
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ENGAGED IN RE-ASSESSMENT OF POLICY TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAM,

SUPERPOWERS, CHINA AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN GENERAL.
HE ALSO NOTED CURRENT FOREIGN TRAVELS OF PHAM VAN DONG
AND SPECULATED THAT HANOI RETAINED WISH TO EXPLORE
ECONOMIC AID.

3. BERENDONCK THEN RECALLED SECRETARY'S DECEMBER 20
MEETING IN PARIS WITH LE DUC THO, AND NOTED REPORTS OF
FOLLOW-UP MEETING, AT WHICH LE DUC THO MIGHT BE EXPECTED
TO INFORM SECRETARY ABOUT DRV POLICY ON ABOVE ISSUES.
BERENDONCK SAID FRG WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE FOR ANY
INFO WE CAN SHED ON THESE DRV POLICIES.
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